

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 396

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Arlin R. Horton for his meritorious service to the field of Christian Education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding individuals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality Christian education for students within and outside of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy leader is Dr. Arlin R. Horton, who has rendered fifty-five years of sterling service to the field of Christian education through a lifetime of leadership and constant striving toward academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton established Pensacola Christian Academy in 1954, in Pensacola, Florida, founded Pensacola Christian College in 1974, and later established Pensacola Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, a widely acclaimed institution, Pensacola Christian Academy has a current enrollment of 2,400 students and is the largest Christian school in America; and

WHEREAS, one of the largest Christian higher education centers in America, Pensacola Christian College now has more than 10,000 graduates who are using their education to do the Lord's work across the globe; and

WHEREAS, a pioneer in educational publishing as well, Dr. Horton serves a large number of families, schools, and churches worldwide through A Beka Book Publications, which provides home school education to more than 40,000 students worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arlin Horton also instituted the Pensacola Christian radio station, WPCS, as well as the Rejoice Radio Network, transmitted to stations across America and available on the Internet to international listeners; and

WHEREAS, he also established the Rejoice in the Lord telecast, which is broadcast internationally on television stations and satellite, and he is also the founder of Go Forth Baptist Missions; and

WHEREAS, as a leader in educational philosophy, Dr. Horton helps Christian families keep the Biblical model of traditional Christian education in the forefront of their lives; and

WHEREAS, skilled at evangelizing to children and youth through Christian education, he hosts Camp o'the Pines summer overnight camp, the Sports Center day camps, and other youth camps, using the facilities at Pensacola Christian College; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arlin Horton is grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife, Rebekah Horton; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Horton is a visionary in the field of Christian education who has devoted much of his professional life to building institutions and programs that enable families and individuals alike to gain access to Christian educational materials and facilities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Arlin Horton truly epitomizes the dedicated community leader who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized for his manifold achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Arlin R. Horton for fifty-five years of unwavering service to the field of Christian education, thank him for his generous contributions, and extend to him our wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.